

Amendments to the Drawings

The replacement sheets of drawings attached hereto as **Exhibit A** include changes to, and replace, Figure 1 of the original sheets of drawings. Figure 1 is now labeled as prior art.

Attachment: replacement sheet of drawings for Figure 1

REMARKS

The application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated September 8, 2008. Claims 1-38 were pending, with unexamined, non-elected claims 3, 8, 18, 22, 24, 32, 36 and 38 having been withdrawn by the Patent Office from examination. By this Amendment, claims 1, 2, 6, 11-17, 20, 21, 23, 25, 30 and 34 have been amended to clarify the claimed subject matter, and claims 5, 10, 19 and 33 have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1-4, 6-9, 11-18, 20-32 and 34-38 would remain pending upon entry of this amendment, with claims 1, 6, 11, 16, 20, 25, 30 and 34 being in independent form.

The drawings were objected to as having informalities.

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Regarding the aspect “the server includes a function for constituting an environment in which applications run only in the server”, the specification indicates that the term “Metaframe server” refers to such aspect (see, for example, paragraphs [0002] and [0004]) and that server 10 in Fig. 4 is a Metaframe server. Accordingly, applicant submits that the above-mentioned aspect is represented in the drawings of the application as originally filed

Withdrawal of the objection to the drawings is respectfully requested.

Claims 2, 20 and 34 were objected to as having informalities. Claim 11-17, 19-21 and 23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as purportedly directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 5, 10, 11, 19, 25 and 33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as purportedly indefinite.

In response, the claims have been amended to address the formal matters identified in the Office Action.

Withdrawal of the objection to the claims, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §101 and the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112 is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 9, 11-17, 19-21, 23, 25-31, 34, 35 and 37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as purportedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 7,075,670 to Koga. Claim 5 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as purportedly unpatentable over Koga in view of the background art referenced in the application.

Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is allowable over the cited art for at least the reasons that the cited art does not disclose or suggest the aspect of the present application that the passing of the configuration information of the printer to the printer driver in the server is performed during an auto-creation process to auto-create a logical printer performed by a function in the server for constituting an environment in which applications run only in the server.

Koga, as acknowledged in the Office Action, does not disclose or suggest such aspect (for example, recited in original claim 5 of the application).

The Background Art is described in the Description of the Related Art section of the present application as follows, in relevant part:

[0006] To use a printer 3 in the Metaframe environment, for example, a printer driver same as one that is usually used in the client 2 to use the printer 3 is installed in the Metaframe server 1 beforehand. Then, a logical printer of the printer 3 is auto-created when the client 2 that uses the printer 3 logs on the Metaframe server 1.

[0007] The entity of the logical printer is the printer driver stored beforehand in the server 1. To create a logical printer is to make setting for the printer driver stored in the server 1 such that the printer driver can be used by the client 2.

Thus, in the Background Art, the printer driver is stored beforehand, and passing of the configuration information of the printer to the printer driver in the server is NOT performed

during an auto-creation process.

In the above-mentioned aspect of the present application, the configuration information of the printer is passed to the printer driver in the server during an auto-creation process, when the client logs onto the server, such that printer options set on the client side (such as by a user on the client side) can be reflected in the printer driver in the server.

Applicant submits that the cited art, even when considered along with common sense and common knowledge to one skilled in the art, simply does **NOT** render unpatentable the above-mentioned aspect of the present application.

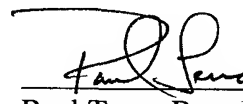
Accordingly, applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 8 and 35-38, and the claims depending therefrom, are patentable over the cited art.

In view of the remarks hereinabove, applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant earnestly solicits the allowance of the application.

If a petition for an extension of time is required to make this response timely, this paper should be considered to be such a petition. The Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge any required fees, and to credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

If a telephone interview could advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney.

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EXHIBIT A

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